

Response to Restriction Requirement  
Application No. 10/551,140  
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- (IV) claims 10-14, optical element comprising a circular reflective polarizer, a retardation layer, and a linear reflective polarizer with particular linear reflective polarizer details, i.e., a grid polarizer (Bsp<sub>4</sub>)
- (V) claim 15, optical element comprising a circular reflective polarizer, a retardation layer, a linear reflective polarizer, and a dichroic linear polarizer (ABbr)
- (VI) claims 16-17, optical element comprising a circular reflective polarizer, a retardation layer, a linear reflective polarizer, and a quarter wavelength plate (CBbr)
- (VII) claims 18-21, optical element comprising a circular reflective polarizer, a retardation layer, a linear reflective polarizer, and a reflective layer (DBbr)

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims (2-3) and (6-8)** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

The indication in the Office Action that **claim 1 is a linking claim** is acknowledged.

Further, since the Applicants elect Group (I), claims 2-3 and 6-8, in the Office Action, further election is required among the following species:

- (A) the retarder characteristics depicted by claim 2
- (B) the retarder characteristics depicted by claim 3